

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Caroline Cunningham Needham, a treasured resident of Owensville, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on August 26, 2005; and

Whereas, Caroline Needham came into this world in Pike County, Illinois, on August 26, 1905, and moved with her family to Bourbon, Missouri, when she was five; and

Whereas, in 1927, Caroline embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Orville Cunningham, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared fifty years of wedded success and happiness until his passing from this world; and

Whereas, Caroline was fortunate to find true love once again with Foster Needham, whom she wed in 1981 and enjoyed seven years of marriage until his death in 1988; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who liked to travel, garden, and bowl, Caroline Needham enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as an educator; member of the Garden Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Gasconade County Bible Society, First Baptist Church of Owensville, and the Retired Teachers Association; and as the author of a book about her life and teaching experiences; and

Whereas, Caroline Needham has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family which includes her two daughters, Bonnie Nicks of Owensville and Janet Deuel of Kansas City; and her six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Caroline Needham faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at the Gasconade Terrace Retirement Center where she now resides:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Caroline Needham as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Caroline Cunningham Needham, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Loehner
District No. 112

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker